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## ARE TOUGH GUYS REALLY TOUGH?

story by  
**CHARLES BIRO**

SOME PEOPLE CYNICALLY DENOUNCE OUR WAY OF LIFE TODAY—YET COMPARED TO KING ARTHUR, A THOUSAND YEARS AGO, WE WHO ARE LIVING IN THIS CENTURY, ARE COMPARATIVELY LIVING TEN LIFETIMES TO HIS ONE! WE SEE MORE, HEAR MORE, CAN ACQUIRE MORE KNOWLEDGE IN AN AFTERNOON AT OUR PUBLIC LIBRARY THAN HE AND HIS ENTIRE COURT COULD IN A LIFETIME! THEN, A HORSE AVERAGED FOUR MILES AN HOUR, AND FEW WERE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO OWN ONE! TODAY, IT'S THE EXCEPTION TO THE RULE, NOT TO HAVE EASY ACCESS TO A CAR THAT AVERAGES FORTY! OUR GREATEST SCIENTIFIC PROGRESS WAS MADE IN THE LAST FIFTY YEARS! AND WE CAN SAY THE SAME FOR OUR SOCIAL PROGRESS, CONTRARY TO SOME OPINIONS! THERE, TOO, WE ARE MAKING GREAT STRIDES, BUT THEY ARE COSTLY ONES! FOR, UNLIKE SCIENCE, THE LEGAL AND SOCIAL STANDARDS BY WHICH WE LIVE, WE GAINED AT A HEAVY PRICE—FOR IT'S ALWAYS THE CASE OF CLOSING THE BARN DOOR, TOO LATE! THE GREAT FIRE BROUGHT ON MORE FIRE LAWS AND PRECAUTIONS—A GREAT DEPRESSION INSPIRED SOCIAL SECURITY—BANK CRASHES BROUGHT GOVERNMENT GUARANTY—WHAT WILL AMERICA DO ABOUT THE NEED FOR MORE, AND MORE AND MORE BOYS' CLUBS?

*Charles Biro*



CONGRATULATIONS, MR. NEWLAND! I HEARD THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED YOUR YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAM, BILL! IT'S THE BEST NEWS I'VE HEARD IN A LONG TIME!

THANK YOU, C.B.! I'M GLAD IT'S FINALLY PASSED! THE CITY HAS NEEDED A GOOD RECREATION PROGRAM FOR YEARS!

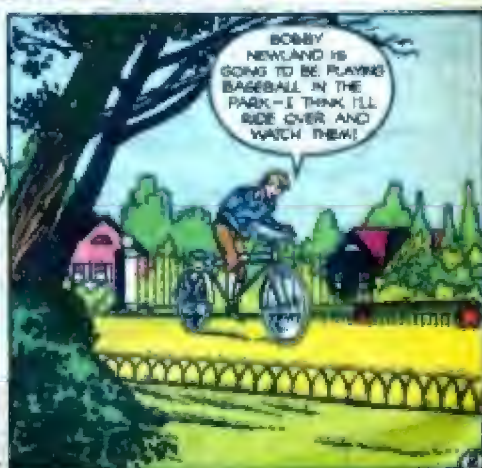
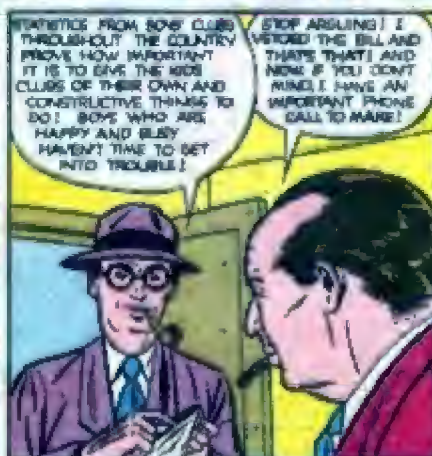
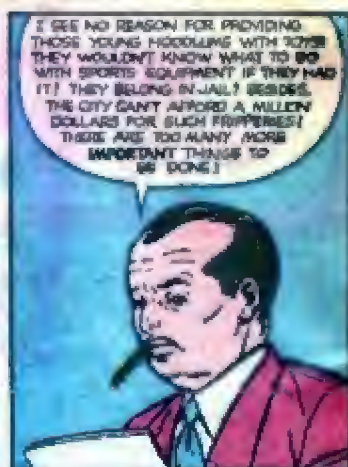
I'LL BET THAT JUVENILE DELINQUENCY WILL DROP AT LEAST NINETY PER CENT WHEN YOUR PROGRAM IS IN FULL SWING, NEWLAND! I'M CERTAIN IT WILL! SOME PEOPLE HAVE OPPOSED THE BILL AS A NEEDLESS EXPENSE, BUT ONCE THEY SEE HOW VANDALISM AND JUVENILE CRIME DECREASE, THEY'LL REALIZE THAT EVERY DOLLAR SPENT THIS WAY SAVES FIVE OR MORE SPENT ON REFORM!

SAY, MR. NEWLAND...

HAVE YOU HEARD THE LATEST ON YOUR BILL? AFTER ALL OUR WORK PUSHING IT THROUGH THE COUNCIL, MAYOR BRILLINGS HAS JUST VETOED IT!

WHAT? HE—I DON'T BELIEVE IT! EXCUSE ME, C.B. I MUST GO SEE HIM, IMMEDIATELY!







I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE THAT BRUNING COULD BE SO SHORT-SIGHTED! INSTEAD OF SEEING THE GOOD OF MY GUL-ALL HE COULD SEE WAS THE EXPENSE! NO WONDER THE JUVENILE COURTS OF OUR CITY ARE JAMMED WITH CASES!

HEY! MOM! LO, POP! G'BYE—I'M ON MY WAY TO THE PARK WITH THE BOYS TO PLAY BALL!

DON'T FORGET TO BE NICE TO ROGER NEWLAND IF YOU SEE HIM! YOUR FATHER'S BATTLE IS NO CONCERN OF YOURS!

LOOK, GANG! HERE COMES ONE OF THEM UPTOWN SISKY-BANTS ON SKATES! LET'S HAVE SOME FUN WITH HIM!

YEAH, BOB! LET'S RIDE AROUND WITH HIM!

HEY! LET ME TRY!

NOBODY RIDES LIE ON SKATES! TAKE 'EM OFF!

NO! WHY SHOULD I?

DID YOU HEAR THAT, GANG? HE NEEDS A LESSON!

LEAVE ME ALONE! LET ME GO!

SURE! WE'LL LET YOU GO—WHEN WE'LL GOO AND READY!

HEY! COME BACK WITH MY SKATES! THAT'S STEALING!

HA-HA-HA! QUICK, GANG, SCRAM BEFORE HE STARTS YELLIN' FOR A COP!

HOW ABOUT IT, BOB? WANT TO GET BOMBED?

LET'S GO OVER TO PETERS FIELD AND PLAY BALL!

HEY! KNUCKLES! QUIT HOGGING THAT SKATE! YOU'VE HAD IT LONG ENOUGH!





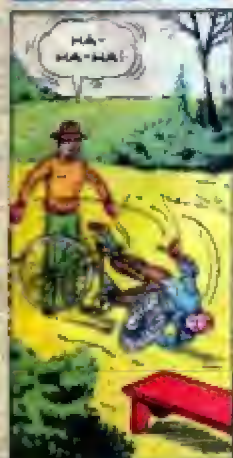




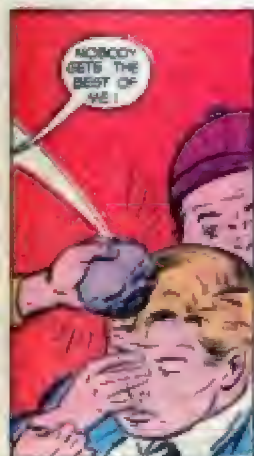




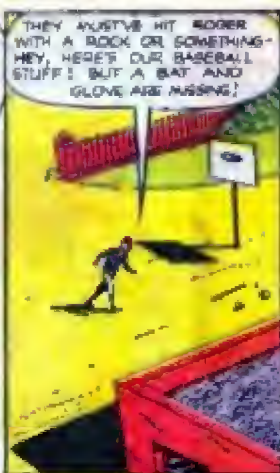
ELLING THE OFFICER, BOB COMES  
LION ROGER, THE MAYOR'S SON, IN  
THE PARK BICYCLING...











TO GUESS HIS  
CHANCES ARE  
PRETTY SLIM!

IT'S MAJOR  
BILLINGS' SON!  
THIS BOY MEANS  
EVERYTHING  
TO HIM!

IF MY SON  
DIES I'LL NEVER  
REST UNTIL I  
CATCH THE BOYS  
WHO DID IT  
AND PUT THEM  
BEHIND BARS  
FOR LIFE!

NOW HOLD ON,  
BILLINGS! WE KNOW  
NOW YOU FEEL  
ABOUT YOUR SON,  
BUT IN A WAY  
THIS IS YOUR  
OWN DOING!

IF YOU'D SHOWN MORE  
INTEREST IN THE WELFARE  
OF THE KIDS OF THIS CITY,  
THIS TRAGEDY MIGHT  
NEVER HAVE  
HAPPENED!

LOOVER IS RIGHT, MAJOR  
BILLINGS! THESE KIDS  
WOULDN'T BE BAD  
IF THEY HAD SOMETHING  
BETTER TO DO WITH THEIR  
SPARE TIME!

IF THEY DON'T GET  
EXCITEMENT IN SPORTS,  
THEY'LL MAKE IT FOR THEM-  
SELVES! AND IF THEY AREN'T  
TAUGHT SPORTSMANSHIP  
THEY GET LAWLESS!

BUT THEY  
DELIBERATELY  
TRIED TO KILL  
MY SON! ARE  
YOU TAKING  
THEIR SIDE?

THAT'S NOT THE  
TRUTH! KNUCKLES,  
THE ONE BOY OF  
THE GANG THE  
POLICE CAUGHT, SAID  
IT ALL STARTED AS A  
FIGHT OVER ROGERS'  
BIKE! HE'S SCARED  
STIFF OVER THE  
WAY IT TURNED  
OUT!

HE SHOULD BE  
SCARED! I'LL MAKE  
AN EXAMPLE OF  
THOSE BOMBS!

THAT'S NOT THE ANSWER!  
IT WON'T GIVE WHAT'S WRONG!  
YOU HAVE TO GET AT THE ROOT  
OF THE TROUBLE! YOU MUST  
CORRECT THE CONDITIONS SO  
THAT THIS SORT OF THING  
CAN'T HAPPEN AGAIN!

NEWLAND'S BILL WHICH  
YOU VETED WAS AIMED  
AT HELPING BOYS LIKE THIS  
FIND THEIR EXCITEMENT  
IN CONSTRUCTIVE WAYS!  
THAT'S THE REAL  
ANSWER!

THAT'S  
YOUR  
OPINION!









MY JOEY! I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'D BE A BAD BOY! ALL HE TOLD ME TODAY WAS THAT HE WAS GOING TO THE PARK TO PLAY! I HOPE THE MAYOR WILL SEE US!



IF ONLY THE MAYOR WILL FORGIVE MY SON AND NOT PRESS CHARGES! MY BOY WAS A GOOD BOY UNTIL HE WENT RUNNING AROUND WITH WHAT HE CALLS "HIS GANG"!



THE TROUBLE IS THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO IN THEIR FREE TIME SO THEY GET INTO MISCHIEF! FIRST IT'S JUST A BROWN WINDOW AND BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, IT'S SERIOUS TROUBLE!

THE MAYOR WILL SEE YOU NOW!



PLEASE, MAYOR BILLINGS, GIVE MY BOY ANOTHER CHANCE! HE'S NOT REALLY A BAD BOY! HE JUST GOT IN BAD COMPANY!



AND MY JOEY—HE KNOWS BETTER! IT'S JUST THAT ALL BOYS ADVISE SOMEONE OLDER AND IMITATE THEM! IF THERE HAD BEEN SOMEONE GOOD TO BE THEIR LEADER, INSTEAD OF THIS WILD BOY, BOB, THIS WOULD NEVER HAVE HAPPENED!

WHAT THE BOYS DID WAS WRONG, OF COURSE! HOWEVER, I FEEL THAT THEY WERE DUPES OF BOB'S! BY ACCEPTING HIM AS THEIR LEADER THEY WALKED INTO TROUBLE!



IN SOME WAYS I FEEL RESPONSIBLE! AS MAYOR IT IS MY DUTY TO SEE THAT THE BOYS AND GIRLS OF THE CITY HAVE PROPER RECREATIONAL FACILITIES SO THAT THEY WON'T BE TEMPTED TO SEARCH FOR EXCITEMENT BY BREAKING THE LAW! I HAVE BEEN SLOW IN RECOGNIZING THAT RESPONSIBILITY!



ALL THAT IS CHANGED NOW! EFFECTIVE AT ONCE, I AM ESTABLISHING A NEWLAND BOYS CLUB AND WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BOB, I WILL RELEASE YOUR BOYS WITH THE PROVISION THAT THEY BE PASSED TO THE COUNSELOR OF THE CLUB!

OH THANK YOU, SIR!

THAT'S WONDERFUL!

IF THEY HAVE A CLUB THINGS WILL BE DIFFERENT!





























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